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Bishop Theodore will attempt to eliminate the influence of Monsignor Constantine Izrastzoff from the Russian Orthodox Church in Argentina because of the latter's anti-Soviet and anti-Communist attitude. [REDACTED] 25X1X

25X1X [REDACTED] the Soviet Government attempted to do this very thing some time ago by sending an agent named Solowiej under the guise of a bishop. Solowiej was in actuality a pharmacist, and failed in his mission.

2. In addition to combating the influence of Izrastzoff, Bishop Theodore will attempt to gain control of certain church property belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church in Argentina. This property, valued at approximately 1,500,000 pesos, consists of land in the Territory of Misiones and churches in the following locations:

- a) Calle Brazil 315, Buenos Aires
- b) Obrero, Territory of Misiones
- c) Picada General Lopez, Territory of Misiones
- d) Puerto Bemberg Lamusse, Territory of Misiones
- e) Near Viedma, Province of Rio Negro
- f) Near Pacheco, Territory of the Chaco

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3. [REDACTED] Izrastzoff has already turned over all property of the Russian Orthodox Church in Argentina to an organization called Hogar Ruso, and sometimes referred to as the Russian Orthodox Association in Argentina. This association, with headquarters at Calle Brazil 315, Buenos Aires, consists of approximately 150-200 anti-Soviet and financially well-off members, some of whom are ex-officers of the Czarist army. Izrastzoff has been president of this organization since 1928.

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